

HOUSE No. 135

By Mr. Eldridge of Acton, petition of James B. Eldridge and others
for legislation to increase voter participation. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Alice K. Wolf	Patricia D. Jehlen
David Paul Linsky	Michael E. Festa
Harriett L. Stanley	

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT TO INCREASE VOTER PARTICIPATION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 65 of chapter 54 of the general laws, as
2 appearing in the 2002 Official edition is hereby amended by
3 striking out, in lines 13, 21, 34 and 40 the words “one hundred
4 and fifty feet” and inserting in their place the figure:—
5 40 feet

1 SECTION 2. Said section 65 of said chapter 54, as so
2 appearing, is further amended by inserting, after the third para-
3 graph, the following paragraph:—
4 The distance set out in the preceding paragraph shall be clearly
5 marked by municipal police officials at each voting location prior
6 to the opening of polling locations on the day(s) of elections.

1 SECTION 3. Said section 65 of said chapter 54, as so
2 appearing is further amended by adding the following sentence:—
3 The enforcement of this section shall be by the city or town
4 clerk.